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APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO CLOSURE REPORT FOR FORMER TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION AREA (TAA) 240, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject document dated June 23, 2003. The closure report summarizes the results of an additional 3 soil confirmation samples collected from three locations at TAA 240. The confirmation soil samples were collected on March 31, 2003 in response to DTSC's March 22, 2000 comment letter on the November 12, 1999 Closure Report for the unit. The report also summarizes the results of the October 1997 field activities which involved the collection of 12 soil samples collected from six locations at TAA 240. The samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), Semi-VOCs, total petroleum (TPH) as gasoline, TPH as diesel, pesticides and polychlorinated biphenyls, metals, total cyanide, and pH.

The TAA 240 was identified as Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 64 in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment (RFA) prepared for MCAS El Toro. The unit may have been used for the storage of hazardous waste drums containing hydraulic fluid, waste oil, waste JP-5, solvents, as well as product drums. TAA 240 is described as 10-feet by 20-feet two section concrete storage pad surrounded by a 6-inch concrete berm located southeast of Building 240 in the northwest quadrant of the MCAS El Toro.

The Navy has adequately addressed our comments transmitted on March 22, 2000. Therefore, we agree with the conclusions and recommendations presented in the closure report and hereby approve it.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5449.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rafat A. Abbasi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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